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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 707**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Garrick**

February 17, 2011

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An act to amend Section ~~19427~~ 19596.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 707, as amended, Garrick. Horse racing: ~~California Horse Racing Board~~. thoroughbred races.

*Existing law authorizes a thoroughbred racing association or fair to distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on the results of out-of-state thoroughbred races conducted in the United States during the calendar period the association or fair is conducting a race meeting, as specified, without the consent of the organization that represents horsemen participating in the race meeting and without regard to the amount of purses. Existing law prohibits the total number of thoroughbred races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis, as specified, from exceeding 32 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state. Certain well-known races are excluded from this limitation, including the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes.*

*This bill would increase that limit on the total number of races from 32 to 60.*

~~Existing law provides that the jurisdiction and supervision over meetings in this state where horse races with wagering on their results are held or conducted, and over all persons or things having to do with the operation of those meetings, is vested in the California Horse Racing~~

~~Board. Existing law requires the board to appoint those employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions governing horse racing in this state.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to the latter provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.

State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 19596.2 of the Business and Professions  
2     Code is amended to read:

3     19596.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and  
4     except as provided in Section 19596.4, a thoroughbred racing  
5     association or fair may distribute the audiovisual signal and accept  
6     wagers on the results of out-of-state thoroughbred races conducted  
7     in the United States during the calendar period the association or  
8     fair is conducting a race meeting, including days on which there  
9     is no live racing being conducted by the association or fair, without  
10    the consent of the organization that represents horsemen  
11    participating in the race meeting and without regard to the amount  
12    of purses. Further, the total number of thoroughbred races imported  
13    by associations or fairs on a statewide basis under this section shall  
14    not exceed ~~32~~ 60 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair  
15    racing is being conducted in the state. The limitation of ~~32~~ 60  
16    imported races per day does not apply to any of the following:

17    (1) Races imported for wagering purposes pursuant to  
18    subdivision (c).

19    (2) Races imported that are part of the race card of the Kentucky  
20    Derby, the Kentucky Oaks, the Preakness Stakes, the Belmont  
21    Stakes, the Jockey Club Gold Cup, the Travers Stakes, the  
22    Arlington Million, the Breeders' Cup, the Dubai Cup, or the  
23    Haskell Invitational.

24    (3) Races imported into the northern zone when there is no live  
25    thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted in the northern zone.

26    (4) Races imported into the combined central and southern zones  
27    when there is no live thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted  
28    in the combined central and southern zones.

29    (b) Any thoroughbred association or fair accepting wagers  
30    pursuant to subdivision (a) shall conduct the wagering in

1 accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 19601,  
2 19616, 19616.1, and 19616.2.

3 (c) No thoroughbred association or fair may accept wagers  
4 pursuant to this section on out-of-state races commencing after 7  
5 p.m., Pacific standard time, without the consent of the harness or  
6 quarter horse racing association that is then conducting a live racing  
7 meeting in Orange or Sacramento Counties.

8 ~~SECTION 1. Section 19427 of the Business and Professions~~  
9 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

10 ~~19427. The board shall appoint those employees as may be~~  
11 ~~necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.~~